



March 13, 2002

William Caton, Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting in CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, 98-10, 98-147, 96-98**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is to provide notice in the above-captioned docketed proceedings of an *ex parte* meeting on March 13, 2002, by Jonathan Askin and John Windhausen of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services, Jason Oxman of Covad Communications, Richard Metzger of Focal Communications, and Kevin Joseph of Allegiance Telecommunications with Dorothy Attwood, Jeff Carlisle, Carol Matthey, Katherine Schroder, Brent Olson, Christopher Libertelli, Jessica Rosenworcel of the Common Carrier Bureau. During the meeting, the parties discussed the scope of the FCC's recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 02-33, 95-20, and 98-10. Because the issues raised in the NPRM implicate conclusions in CC Docket Nos. 98-147 and 96-98, we are also submitting this letter for inclusion in those dockets.

The parties discussed the potential implications of the tentative conclusions set forth in the NPRM on facilities-based competitive local exchange carriers. In particular the parties discussed the effects these conclusions might have on incumbent carriers' legal obligations to provision wholesale facilities to competitive carriers and stressed the need to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 251(c)(3) of the Telecommunications Act.

Please include this notice of *ex parte* contact for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 202-969-2587.

Respectfully submitted,

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